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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Tom Cole Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

I am requesting funding for the construction of a primary care clinic in Wise County, Virginia in fiscal year 2022.

Sponsoring this project is nonprofit health system Ballad Health, headquartered at 303 Med Tech Pkwy, Johnson City, TN 37604. The clinic will be located on property adjacent to Lonesome Pine Hospital at 1990 Holton Ave E, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.

Funding would be used to build a facility for providing primary health care. It is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars, as the clinic will serve patients from at least four counties—Wise, Lee, Scott, and Dickenson—in a region currently experiencing poor health outcomes and facing a significant shortage of primary care physicians.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in either of these projects.

Sincerely,

H. Morgan Griffith Member of Congress